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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: IDS filed on August 5, 2005 to the application filed on September 4, 2003.

2. Claims 1-9 are pending. Claims 1, 6, 7 and 8 are independent claims.

Drawings

3. The examiner has accepted the Drawings filed on September 4, 2003.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

5. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Levin (U.S. Pub 2004/0102957, filed Nov 14, 2003 claims priority to a provisional filed Nov 22, 2002).

Regarding Independent claim 1, Levin discloses *a method of automatic translation of an electronic communication from a source language to one or more target languages including the steps of:*

- *Determining the source language of the electronic communication by identifying a translation identifier or parsing said electronic communication with a language*

identifier means (paragraphs 20, 83 & 110 wherein the invention interprets the structure in the source language and generates a translation based on the rules of the target language. Therefore it is inherent that the source language has to be identified in order to allow the translation of a target language by determining the source language. The parsing step includes breaking down the complex and varying structures, identifying parts of speech, resolving ambiguities, and synthesizing the information into a new language structure. The system can recognize the source language of the user automatically through OCR techniques which inherently include parsing);

- *Determining the target language for the electronic communication by reading a user profile of a user receiving the electronic communication* (paragraph 83 & 51, wherein based on user preferences that are stored the system accepts as inputs the source and target languages as designated by the user);
- *Comparing the target language and source language to determine a required translation* (paragraphs 20 & 36, wherein the source language is generated based on the rules of the target language therefore comparison of the two languages is inherent);
- *Obtaining the required translation* (paragraph 37, wherein the interface server receives the translated textual portion from the translation server, constructs the translated communication and finishes processing the communication in a manner desired by the user, therefore the required translation identified by the user is obtained);

- *And displaying the translated electronic communication to the user (paragraph 112, wherein the translation is displayed using a mobile device display screen).*

Regarding Dependent claim 2, Levin discloses *wherein, the translation identifier is a language identifier such as an HTML tag in an HTML document* (paragraph 37, wherein the communication represents an HTML file, therefore the translation is identified using an HTML tag).

Regarding Dependent claim 3, Levin discloses *wherein, the translation identifier is a translation information segment* (paragraph 57, wherein the translation information segment is identified by the ontological database that consists of hierarchically organized lexicon).

Regarding Dependent claim 4, Levin discloses *wherein, if there is no translation identifier in said electronic communication, the method comprises the further step of:*

- *Parsing the communication with a language identifier software to determine the source language of the communication* (paragraph 110, wherein the communication is parsed to identify the language to determine the source language. The invention can parse the SMS message, filter abbreviations, interpret the delivered message, screen the call identification information and establish an appropriate language pair for translation);

- *Or obtaining human intervention to identify the source language*
(paragraphs 83 & 117, wherein the user can access language translation services without software modification. Based on user inputs the source language is identified).

Regarding Dependent claim 5, Levin discloses *wherein the step of determining the target language further includes the step of: reading a cookie or a file on a receiving machine to obtain the user profile or obtaining a preference language from a single sign-on system, such as Microsoft Passport.RTM. or other information repository* (paragraph 107, wherein at step 132 the system can determine whether the user has previously used or stored a dictionary within the system. This is done through the use of a cookie.).

Regarding Independent claim 6, Levin discloses *a seamless translation system comprising:*

- *An originating computer sending an electronic communication* (paragraphs 33 & 34, See fig 1, wherein a translation gateway allows an originating computer to send an electronic communication);
- *A receiving computer receiving a translated electronic communication* (paragraphs 33 & 34, See fig 1, wherein the translation gateway provides the translation to a receiving computer);
- *A network connecting the originating computer to the receiving computer* (paragraphs 33 & 34, wherein the invention is directed to a system and method

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for performing language translation functions for communications over a computer network);

- *And a translation manager performing the steps of: automatically determining the language of the electronic communication (paragraph 118, wherein the users source language and the intended recipients target language are automatically determined based on information detected in the message sending process);*
- *Automatically determining the preferred language of a user of the receiving computer (paragraph 118, wherein the intended recipients target language is automatically detected);*
- *Obtaining a translation from the language of the communication to the language of the user (paragraph 37, wherein a translation is obtained from the translations server to a target language);*
- *And sending the translated communication to the user (paragraph 37, wherein the interface server receives the translated textual portion from the translation server, constructs the translated communication and finishes processing the communication in a manner desired by the user, therefore the required translation is sent to the user).*

Regarding Independent claim 7, Levin discloses a seamless translation system comprising:

- *An electronic communication originating from a source and in a source language containing a translation identifier* (paragraphs 20, 83 & 110 wherein the invention interprets the structure in the source language and generates a translation based on the rules of the target language. Therefore it is inherent that the source language has to be identified in order to allow the translation of a target language by determining the source language. The parsing step includes breaking down the complex and varying structures, identifying parts of speech, resolving ambiguities, and synthesizing the information into a new language structure. The system can recognize the source language of the user automatically through OCR techniques which inherently include parsing);
- *A user profile* (paragraph 83 & 51, wherein based on user preferences that are stored the system accepts as inputs the source and target languages as designated by the user, therefore a user profile exists);
- *And a translation manager including means for determining the source language and a target language of said electronic communication* (paragraph 118, wherein the users source language and the intended recipients target language are automatically determined based on information detected in the message sending process);
- *Wherein the translation manager executes a required translation of said source language to said target language using the translation identifier and the user profile* (paragraphs 88 & 19, wherein the identifier is used to specify the target

language or multiple languages for translation based on user information).

Regarding Independent claim 8, Levin discloses *a seamless translation system comprising:*

- *An originating computer sending an electronic communication* (paragraphs 33 & 34, See fig 1, wherein a translation gateway allows an originating computer to send an electronic communication);
- *A receiving computer receiving a translated electronic communication* (paragraphs 33 & 34, See fig 1, wherein the translation gateway provides the translation to a receiving computer);
- *A network connecting the originating computer to the receiving computer* (paragraphs 33 & 34, wherein the invention is directed to a system and method for performing language translation functions for communications over a computer network);
- *Automatic means for determining the language of the electronic communication* (paragraph 118, wherein the users source language and the intended recipients target language are automatically determined based on information detected in the message sending process);
- *Automatic means for determining the preferred language of a user of the receiving computer* (paragraph 118, wherein the intended recipients target language is automatically detected);

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- *Means for obtaining a translation from the language of the communication to the language of the user* (paragraph 118, wherein the users source language and the intended recipients target language are automatically determined based on information detected in the message sending process which is the language identified by the user);
- *And means for sending the translated electronic communication to the user* (paragraph 37, wherein the interface server receives the translated textual portion from the translation server, constructs the translated communication and finishes processing the communication in a manner desired by the user, therefore the required translation is sent to the user).

Regarding Dependent claim 9, Levin discloses *a translation manager, said translation manager including:*

- *Said automatic means for determining the language of the electronic communication* (paragraph 118, wherein the users source language and the intended recipients target language are automatically determined based on information detected in the message sending process);
- *Said automatic means for determining the preferred language of a user of the receiving computer* (paragraph 118, wherein the intended recipients target language is automatically detected);
- *Said means for obtaining a translation from the language of the communication to the language of the user* (paragraph 118, wherein the users source language and

the intended recipients target language are automatically determined based on information detected in the message sending process which is the language identified by the user);

- *And said means for sending the translated electronic communication to the user* (paragraph 37, wherein the interface server receives the translated textual portion from the translation server, constructs the translated communication and finishes processing the communication in a manner desired by the user, therefore the required translation is sent to the user).

Other Prior Art Cited

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Abir (U.S. Pub 2003/0083860) discloses "Content Conversion Method And Apparatus"
- Twede et al. (U.S. Pub 2004/0205619) discloses "Method And System For Chained Format Translation"

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Manglesh M. Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272-5937. The examiner can normally be reached on M,F 8:30-6:00 T,TH 8:30-3:00 Wed 8:30-7:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen S. Hong can be reached on (571)272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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